

**Mental Health and Addiction Transformation Work Group
Consumer/Family Involvement Sub-Committee Meeting**

MINUTES

January 27, 2006

Members present: Bob Postlethwait, Kellie Meyer, Ronda Ames, Rosie Carney, staff

Members absent: Jane Horn, Ruth Summers, Gilberto Perez

Members on medical leave: Kim Williams (Chair), Kathy Burney

Carol Baker has taken a new job position in FSSA and is leaving DWD, so will no longer be able to be a member of the group.

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Postlewait, Interim Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Bob asked if Rosie could keep and send out minutes to the members, and she agreed to do so.

Review of subcommittee's charter and role:

1. In concert with DMHA, develop a multi-faceted initiative that will ultimately ensure that consumers/families are full partners in the development, delivery and evaluation of culturally competent services.
2. Recommend strategies to the full Transformation Work Group (TWG) for approval.
3. Develop ways to Measure progress/success.

Discussion of what our "product" will be and assignments:

The group decided to focus on the meaning of **full partnership**. It was agreed that this will be the key to our first presentation for the main Transformation Work Group meeting on March 14th. Assignments were given to members of tasks to prepare for our next meeting:

- Kelly will prepare a definition of what we feel a full partnership entails
- Bob will prepare some evidence of the benefit of consumer and family partnership
- Rosie will prepare some best practice models from other states which already ensure that consumers/families are full partners in the development, delivery and evaluation of culturally competent services.
- Ronda is going to reflect on how to best prepare (train) the consumer/family member spokespersons/representatives to make effective inputs at the planning venues, that is, be full partners. How do we make sure we're doing all we can to make sure our inputs are effective and reflect the consensus interests of the consumers/family members?

Kim Williams was unable to attend the meeting, but had sent a message regarding input. Members felt that it would be very important to discuss her points in depth at the April mtg of the subgroup.

In order to prepare for the presentation on March 14th, it was decided the next meeting should be on either March 6th or 7th. Rosie will send out a notice asking member's preference for which day.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosie Carney, DMHA Lead Staff, TWG Subgroup on Consumer/Family
Involvement